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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION HANDLING COMMITTEE

CCC Operational Test and
Evaluation Group

Minutes of the First Meeting, 29 May 1968

Members Present:

25X1 [] IHC Support Staff
Mr. Charles R. Stein, State
25X1 [] CIA
Mr. Edward L. Barker, Navy
25X1 [] DIA
Mr. John A. Steele, Air Force
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1. The CCC Operational Test and Evaluation Group initiated an overall review of IHC-D-111/1.1/14, Operational Test of the Content Control Code (CCC), drafted by the IHC Support Staff. Consideration centered around the test objectives and the essential characteristics of the test corpus of coded documents obtainable within the framework of agency comments.

2. Several salient factors were discussed:

(1) NSA has been applying CCC notations to an increasing number of their products for almost a year and these products have been, and are being, distributed throughout the intelligence community;

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(2) Considerable time will elapse before CIA product with CCC notations applied can reach community recipients and then only in relatively small numbers;

(3) State's application plans differ from those of NSA and CIA in that they do not intend to introduce State-produced, CCC coded documents into the operational flow. Rather, they plan to set aside one week's take of airgrams and cables from Western Europe for subsequent application testing and use evaluation;

(4) DIA, Army, Navy, and Air Force will not apply CCC notations to any of their own products, but are prepared to evaluate the usefulness of CCC notations that have been applied to NSA, CIA, and State products; and

(5) Departmental components are continuing to develop comparable techniques and schemes for indicating substantive content of products based on "local need" without having had available detailed information on CCC, the manner and extent to which it is already being applied and used, its further use potential, etc.

3. Consideration of these factors led to a discussion of the practicality of confining the initial phase of the CCC operational test and evaluation to the notations already appearing on NSA product. This would not preclude application testing and evaluation of CCC by CIA and State as previously planned. It would, however, mean that we could almost immediately initiate user evaluation of CCC throughout the intelligence community in

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connection with its appearance on NSA product. Such testing could be started as soon as necessary revisions to the proposed test plan are effected and approved. This phase could then be completed in about 90 days. At the outset, all participants in use evaluation would be provided with necessary background information on CCC, its Codebook, and Instruction Manual. The need for subsequent phases involving application of CCC notations to additional intelligence products could be based on the results obtained in connection with its usefulness on NSA product. Group members agreed to discuss this approach with their IHC principals and advise the Chairman of the reactions obtained as soon as possible. Members also agreed to advise the Chairman of the requirements for CCC Codebooks and Instruction Manuals for use in the operational test and evaluation.